THE SINGLE TAX

This System, Offered as a Substitute For the Income Tax, Should Be Fully Dis-

I notice that my communication in relation to the single tax theory has drawn the fire of Mr. W. H. T. Wakefield, of Lawrence, Kan.

Because of this I am neither dismayed or surprised. I am not surprised, because as a state member of the national committee of the single tax league, Mr. Wakefield could do no less than take up the cudgels in behalf of his pet theory and universal panacea. I am not dismay ed, because I know what to expect in the line of rebuttal, and am familiar with the calm assumption of infallibility single taxers are prone to parade in favor of their unproved assertions. Allow nee to notice a few of the ideas adva ed by Mr. Wakefield:

never out by Mr. Wakefield:

I do not question Mr. Wards honesty of intention as a reformer, but I think he should
have at least superficial knowledge of a question before he discusses it. As well might one
open a discussion as so whether or not twice
two are four as to reopen the long and well settied question of the ability of a landlord under
the single cas to aith his rent to his tennits.

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I answer that one might as well contend that the moon is made of green cheese, as to assert that under the single tax system any one would pretend to own or hold land, except by virtue of the ownership of improvements thereon And one might as well contend that twice two are five as to deny but that under the single tax system persons without investing one cent in land could monopolize as much land as they were able to improve, provided they paid as much tax as any others would offer. Does Mr. Wakefield pretend to assert that they would pay this rent, or land tax out of a special fund they previously ed apart for that purpose

The rent for such improvements, as well as the land, (location—site) would be paid by the tenant to the owner of the improvements, who would pay the und rent to the people, or government, and keep the rent for the improvements. Land is called "valuable" because of the large profits pertaining to the occupation of such particular land, as a site, or business location, which large profits are divided between the business man and the landlord, so that only a portion of the "mearned increment" falls to the share of the landlord as a land owner, a portion falling to the share of the owner of the building, and yet another portion to the capital invested in the business for which such building is occupied. Under the single tax system, under the present system, all three of these portions would be shifted on the consumers of goods, wares and commodities sold, or services rendered upon such site. Mr. Waltefield says:

such site. Mr. Waltcheld says:

Mr. Ward overlooks the fact that land is a
facel quantity, which cannot be increased or
diminished, and that the power now possessed
by hadlords to exact tripple from labor resis
spea their power to have alle but out of use by
partier only a nominal tax upon it. If they
were taxed to the full use value of idle or vacust and they receive the affect to be deal of the cant lamf they could not afford to hold it at enelled to impr

If I were wen willing to grant that there would be no idle or vacant land under the operation of the single tax, I should yet contend that none but those than cost), would pay any direct tax for the use of land. Mr. Wakefield says:

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Of course under the rental tax rents would said ly and largely fall, because variant land could be held only at a loss, hence would be in-proved by some one, and the great increase in braiding caused by access to cucant land would reduce rent of buildings to correct rates of interest on cost of buildings, plus the rental value of the land. In cities and villages it would largely reduce rents, home upon Mr. Wach's can theory the consumer recoil. ewn theory the consumer would pay less, a well as pay to himself instead of to a landlord

In this proposition is contained the basic fallacy of the single tax theory. Suppose Mr. Wakefield tries to prove that "in cities and villages it (the single tax) would largely reduce rents? of valuable lands or business property." If this statement were true, there would no greater value attach to one piece of land than to another, under the present system. If a mun could not get one piece of land (lot) upon which to erect a building, and engage in business, he would simply have to build upon another, so that all lots of the same size would be worth the same money. The mistake the single taxers make is in supposing that one can move the business center of a city by simply building quarters for it to occupy. is the fact that such a scheme will not cek that makes some lots worth many thousands of dollars and other lots a few dollars only. Business buildings are built under the present system just as fast as the rent will pay "correct rates of interest on cost of buildings" and current (correct?) rates of interest upon the value of the land ("rental value of the land").

Again Mr. Wakefield says: But his most setonishing affirmation is that order the rental value tax system vacant land would pay no taxes, when the system treat hand would pay no taxes, when the system is to tax and according to its value regardless of improvements. After this it is not necessary for life words of the system or at least that he does not burning the recent St. Louis conference a vacanties was pointed out to us which had just been ideal by its millionaries conver, who lives the people's particles of the strength of the property lease the system to the property lease the system of the property lease the system is the people's particle with variety lease the system is to tax according to the property for the means that it would have secreely for the means. But in lice affairs must tion. Nothing background, an the people's particle with the property lease the system is to tax and according to the provide the property for the means. But in lice affairs must tion. Nothing background, and the people's particle with the property lease the system is to tax and according to the provide fifty years' lease the splendid b ted by the lesser becomes the property of

Close reasoners will at once perceive that in the foregoing criticism Mr. Wakefield does but reaffirm my "most astonishing affirmation." Does he that the lessee he speaks of would have paid the \$18,500 a year if there had been a proviso in the lease that he see) should never erect any buildings to the vacant lot? Or does he think that the single tax system will develop a race of idiots who will be willing to pay the full rental value of land, as a tax upon land they cannot sell and are not able to improve? If Mr. Wakefield were a single taxer "limited," he might well believe that vacant land would pay some tax, but as a single taxer "unlimited" he says: "If they were taxed to ple's party in the south is refreshing, the full use value of idle or vacant land. But so intent is their gaze on the disthey could not afford to hold it idle, and solving views of the southern panorams would be compelled to improved or that they fail to note the disordered part with it to those wishing to use it." That is to say that land which it would procession. The alliance intends to be not pay to improve would be aban- impartial and for every voter dropped

population and the increase in the volpopulation and the increase at the une of business. A man would be as big a fool to build a business block in a location that commanded no business.

The recent defeat of the free coinage that is going Down. system as under the present system, while the great majority of residence tenants would be unable to build ;

house were land free for the taking. Mr. Wakefield says: "All production is produced by labor applied to land. and is divided between landlord, monopolies and labor." This statement misleading. All crude forms of wealth (raw material) is perhaps "produced by labor applied to land." This, however, is the least valuable form of wealth. The greatest portion of value possessed by wealth is given to it by skilled labor applied to the raw material, and as factories are, as a rule, located on the least valuable land, rent cuts but a very small figure in the items that unite in giving to wealth its most valuable

Political economists tell us that labor is robbed by rent, profit and interest. The single tax diverts rent to the people, instead of to individuals, and while productive and distributive labor would be relieved of all other forms of taxation, it would then, as now, pay all of the single tax, those who occupi uable lands" simply paying their proportion as consumers. Labor would still continue to be robbed by profit and

interest, as well as paying all tracs.

I am with Mr. Wakefield when he says: "We would emancipate labor by taxing monopolies, whether of valuable land or a corporate franchise, out of existence." But the single tax would simply license the monopoly of valuable lands, the license being shifted onto the consumer. Leaving out of the question franchises (public utilities and corporate monopolies), the wishes of Mr. Walee field can more speedily be consummated by a graduated cumulative tax upon unused and unoccupied land, a graded tax upon net incomes of \$1,000 or more and a graded tax upon all estates, inheritances and bequests. No other tax should be levied and trade between nations should be absolutely free. - George C. Ward, in Topeka Advocate

TEXAS IN LINE.

The Masses of the Democratic Voters Have

Joined the People's Party.

Two months ago the "basses" in Texresurrected their partisan whips, oiled them with Wall street grease (money), painted them with sectional meared the stock with bloody shirt slime, and began an unprecedented campaign of "whipping" their old time followers into line. To their astonishment the tollers, instead of meekly obeying their mandates, are stampeding right and left, and independent political action, as marked out by the St. Louis Louis and Dalias conferences, offers the only relief.

Away to the northeast is seen a dark and ominous cloud that will soon envelop Texas in the turmoil of a great political buttle. The rumbling of Wall street thunder is heard in the distance Already the black flags of plutocracy with the legend "I destroy all I conwho occupied residence buildings, owned by themselves and farmers (so ten thousand party bosses, grown fat ten thousand party bosses, grown fat trol" emblazoned upon it, appears upon on earnings of others, holding the long. keen party lash in their hands, begrimed with sectional hate, eager to scourge their old constituents into line preparatory to seating Grover Cleveland on the throne of destroyed liberty

In another direction is seen a mighty throng of impoverished men rapidly falling into line under the stars and stripes, upon which is written "firesides, home, liberty, justice and country, Behind this grand throng are thousands apon thousands of pauperized, overworked women, with uplifted hand imploring heaven to aid their brothers. ons, fathers and husbands, to shield them and their little ones from the spoliation of the great anti-Christ, Wall street. Such is the situation in Texas to-day. -- Southern Mercury.

PEOPLE'S PARTY CLUBS.

One Should Be Formed in Every Township in the United States.

The third party movement has had many severe criticisms because some seem to think it has grown to its present strength from secret meetings. This is unjust, for the Farmer's Alliance and people's party are not the same thing

But the rankest critics have been those who were leagued together in political cliques, whose plans were deliberated upon secretly and made known quietly. whose purposes have been to secure the spoils of office, regardless of any adequate return of services, whose legislation has been in the interest of corporations, and for the purpose of creating offices and maintaining numerous deputies.

It would have been excusable had secrecy been resorted to to combat secreey; for the end would justify the But in a free government publie affairs must be open to public inspection. Nothing must be kept in the background, and in furtherance of this the people's party is stepping out onto

The state central committee has urged the formation of people's party clubs for the discussion of the proof the day. This is in a spirit of true American patriotism. We were never "rocked in the cradle" of secret liberty; but in a liberty of mind; in out-spoken ideas from liberal minded men.

Let the waning glory of the republican party seek favor in the secret conclaves of the Knights of Reciprocity or any other organizations it may yet promulgate, but the people must know the truth, and act upon the truth and not upon an oath or pledge.-Kansas City (Kan.) Sun.

-The intense and unalloyed satisfaction with which the republican papers chronicle the progress of the peocondition of the tail end of their own doned, remain vacant and pay no taxes. from Cleveland in the south, a feather The increased value of business lots will be clipped from Harrison.—Nonin cities is caused by the increase in conformist.

THE SILVER QUESTION.

bill was rhe result of a persistent, untiring effort on the part of New England and its northern allies. The contest was bitter, much of the time personal, and disclosed a wide differen opinion among the members of the old parties. In fact, an analysis of the vote upon the question seems to indicate that it is not a party measure, since both parties divided on the issue.

This being true, the first question to live is the motive which prompts this action, in order to condemn or approve such conduct. Is it from princip from self-interest that this contest is made? If from principle, it is worthy to be placed beside other heroic efforts of the past. If from selfish interests, it should be exposed and condemned Many are doubtless honest in their oposition to this measure and their motives should not be impugned, but the real opposition must be considered as based n selfish interests alone since self-interests seem to predominate. Without undertaking to discuss the idea of action apon principle, it might be well to conider the possible mercenary motives that underlie this contention. The financial interests of New England and the east lie in the investments of its money. Whatever increases its income that source is advocated, and whatever decreases this Income is opposed. There is but little doubt upon this point as judged from the past history of that section. The free coinage was opposed on the ground that it would make money cheap-er and therefore raise the price of all the products of labor, which in turn would enable the debtor to pay his debts with less hard work. This proposition New England declared to be nothing less than a partial repudiation. The pensioners were informed that they would be able to buy less with their pension money; the department clerks were warned that their salaries would purchase less of the products of labor, and the hired girls and widows of New England were told that they could draw less tribute for their alleged savings by the passage of the silver bill, and the consequent cheapening of money and the increased price of prod-From this view of the matter efforts of New England against free silver is robbed of its garb of hypocritical cant about an honest dollar, the honor the nation and many other itlar positions, and slaks to the lowest level of pure mercenary selfinterest. New England by this action eknowledges that an increase in the volume of currency would increase the price of products, and thereby enable the farmer to more easily pay his debts but opposes this increase because they the people of New England, own

gland's financial rule, a consideration of the debts of the states of Iowa and Alabama will give a clear example, it being conceded at the outset that Nev England and the east either owns or controls nearly all the debts of the nation. The indebtedness of these two states as represented in the present It is fair to assume that at least one half of this indebtedness will date back

the debts. In order to more clearly

show the baneful effects of New En

to 1880. Taking this for granted as the basis for circulation, the following propositions are made. In 1880 the indebtdness would stand: Iowa is the best all-round producing state in the north as shown by the cen-

sus. In 1850 the average value per acre of the three great cereuls was: In 1889 the value per acre was

ports of the department of agriculture. By taking the value per acre as a basis a fairness is assumed to which all will doubtless consent. In 1880 the mortgage indebtedness of Iowa could have been paid with the proceeds of 9,121,673 acres of corn, 7,947,157 acres of wheat, or 10,723,866 acres of oats. In 1889 it would have required 15,044,564 acres of corn, 11,082,124 acres of wheat or 15,897,

500 acres of oats. From these figures it is plain that it required the product of either 3,922,689 acres of corn, 3,134,967 acres of wheat, or 5,178,656 acres of oats more to pay the 809,517,478 of indebtedness in 1889 than it did in 1880. Think of it, 3,134,967 acres of land must be plowed, sown, reaped, thrushed and the product marketed in order to meet the increased tribute demanded by the appreciation in value of gold. It would take the average wheat erop of 60,000 farms to

make up this difference. The one great crop of Alabama is cot ton. The average price of cotton to the planter in 1880 was 11 cents per pound. while in 1889 it was 81; cents, prices show that in 1880 the debt of Alabama could have been paid with 174,672,645 pounds of cotton: but in 1889 it would have taken 239,576,364 pounds or an increase of 54,903,719 pounds, or

122,008 bales of 450 pounds each. The above calculations disclose very learly that it is New England greed and avarice instead of a sense of justice or regard for national honor that prompts them to such untiring efforts ep down the volume of money. That their motives are purely mercen ary and lack a single element of justice or fairness to the balance of the people. They own the debts and are determined to wring as much as possible from oth er sections of the country for its use and ultimate liquidation. The less money in circulation, all things else being the same, the lower will be the price of la-bor and its products, and the greater will be the "power of money to oppr -National Economist.

-The democrats of the east, who are under the influence of Wall street, are giving the democracy of the south and fearful burden to carry in defeat of the Bland free coinage bill for the coming presidential campaign.-Topeka Democrat.

THE STATES AND THE FAIR

A ONE-MUNDRED-YEAR-OLD bearing orange tree, from San Gabriel, is one of the exhibits announced from Caliifornia.

THE Washington state world's fair building will be constructed in sections at Tacoma and sent to Chicago next September.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, which claims to be the "Switzerland of America," has appropriately planned to erect a Swiss chalet for their world's fair building.

Wisconsin will have a \$50,000 building at the fair. Building material to the value of \$18,000 has been donated, and the contract for erection has been let for \$17,000.

THE commercial exchange of Des Moines, Ia., has resolved in favor of raising \$20,000 for the purpose of securing a creditable representation of that city at the exposition. Brooklyn, N. Y., wants to devote a like sum to the same

IN QUEEN VIC'S DOMAINS.

By an act just passed in South Australia all hotels are to be altogether closed on Sundays.

THE Jains of India frequently under-go fasts of forty days, partaking during that time only of warm water.

THE lowest temperature ever registered by the thermometer in England vas at Kelso in 1879, when the mercury fell to 16 below zero.

THE inhabitants of the Cook peninsula, in Australia, are possionate smokers. Their pipe—a bamboo \$54 feet long and 4 inches in diameter—passes round the company after one of the persons present has filled it with smoke from the tube.

THE quaint Tudor house at Bourn. Lincolnshire, where Guy Fawkes and his associates hatched their conspiracy, is now used as the village station, but the directors of the Great Northern Railway Company have resolved to preserve the building intact.

AGRICULTURAL PURSUITS.

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Tan meanest man lives at Mount Vernon. He went into his back yard during the cold snap last month, scalced his hair with water, let it freeze and then broke it off in order to cheat the barber of a hair cut.

A Visionia City (Nex.) youth was recently detected in the act of shooting an arrow with a cigarette attached through a broken window in the rear of the jail to some boys who were imprisoned within.

THERE is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put to-gether, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced its local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by con-stantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Schools has pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional dis-case, and therefore requires constitutional

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The May Wide Awaks

Opens with a delightfully fantastic and oriental rhyme descriptive of the birth of the gamut. It is by Theron Brown with a frontispiece illustration by Burgess, and is called "The Bamboo Fife." The leading article of the number (splen-didly illustrated) is Adaline Fordham's stirring description of "A Mediaval Stronghold," the great French castle of Pierrefonds, which dismantled by Richelien, has been restored by the famous French architect, Viollet-le-Duc. Philip Hale's story, "A Grain of Sand," is one of the good things of the number. Miss Heien Gray Cone tells about "A Picture Book of 1789"-William Blake's home-made and hand-made "Songs of Innocence;" Alexander Black has a unique sleeping-car story, "Upper Nine;" M. B. Ryerson contributes a charming story of a little studio girl, "Phebe Stout-Sculptor." There is a bright story for Decoration Day, "Almost a Descrier," by Miriam Brastow, and a stirring ode for the same memori-al occasion, addressed to American boys and girls-"Decoration Day," bridge S. Brooks; Mrs. Emma Huntington Nason has a charming set of verses "My Lady of Make-Believe;" Lieut-Col. Thorndike gives in his series of Col. Thorndike gives in his series of One Man's Adventures, an account of his "Getting Away from Gibraltar."

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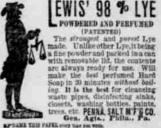
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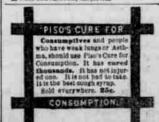
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